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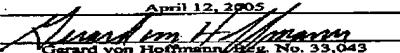
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Docket No.: AXIAMD.005CP1

CUSTOMER NO. 20995

Applicant	: Andrew H. Cragg
App. No.	: 09/848,556
Filed	: May 3, 2001
For	: METHODS OF PERFORMING PROCEDURES IN THE SPINE
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performing a procedure using the lumen.

2. (Withdrawn): A method of treating the spine as in Claim 1, wherein the procedure is a diagnostic procedure.
3. (Withdrawn): A method of treating the spine as in Claim 1, wherein the procedure is a therapeutic procedure.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original): A method of treating the spine as in Claim 1, wherein the forming step comprises drilling.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Withdrawn): A method of treating the spine as in Claim 3, wherein the procedure comprises inserting a fixation device.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Original): A method of treating the spine, comprising the steps of:
identifying a site on the posterior surface of the sacrum;
forming a nonlinear lumen from the site through the sacrum, through a disk and through at least one lumbar vertebrae; and
performing a procedure using the lumen.
12. (Withdrawn): A method of treating the spine as in Claim 11, wherein the procedure is a diagnostic procedure.
13. (Withdrawn): A method of treating the spine as in Claim 11, wherein the procedure is a therapeutic procedure.
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Original): A method of treating the spine as in Claim 11, wherein the forming step comprises drilling.

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